1	2	3	4
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	4	1
12.	Jharkhand	3	—
13.	Karnataka	30	41
14.	Kerala	11	5
15.	Madhya Pradesh	6	3
16.	Maharashtra	35	21
17.	Manipur	1	—
18.	Orissa	3	2
19.	Punjab	6	11
20.	Pondicherry	5	1
21.	Rajasthan	7	4
22.	Sikkim	1	—
23.	Tamil Nadu	17	14
24.	Uttar Pradesh	12	18
25.	Uttaranchal	1	1
26.	West Bengal	7	2
	TOTAL:	205	161

Sale of kidney by Indian donors to British patients

1237. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI C. O. POULOSE:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of sale of kidneys by Indian donors to British patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this incident reveals the existence of illegal kidney sale in the country;

(d) if so, whether Government have constituted any inquiry in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFATE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: (a) to (e) Government have come across some media reports in this regard. Under Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, sale and purchase of human organs is banned. There has been no specific complaint regarding sale of kidneys by Indian donors to British Patients within the country. The question of instituting an inquiry, therefore, does not arise, at present.

Ban on cigarette advertisements

1238. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that World Health Organisation (WHO) recommended a ban on both advertising and sponsorship, as it is essential to reduce tobacco consumption significantly and quickly;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that cigarette related advertisements are prominently published in newspapers/magazines/electronic media; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The deliberations among Member States on the ban on advertising and sponsorship of tobacco products under the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) has not concluded. However, international experience, as documented and articulated in WHO publications, has shown that a comprehensive ban on advertisement and promotional activities by tobacco companies can be an useful tool to reduce tobacco consumption.

(b) and (c) The comprehensive legislation titled "The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Bill, 2001 has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 2001. When enacted, it will impose a complete ban on advertisements of tobacco products and sponsorships by tobacco companies.

Issuance of orders for chemists

1239. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has issued orders to be complied with by the chemists;